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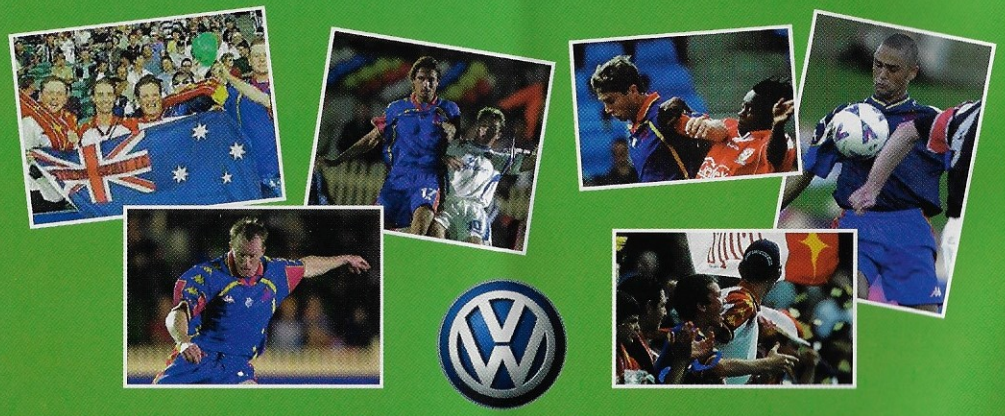

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NEXT HOME GAME: Round 11

22/12/00 NORTHERN SPIRIT vs Brisbane Strikers
7.30pm North Sydney Oval

# graham arnold column

There is something about derby games that add a little bit of magic to the air.

Northern Spirit plays derby matches against four clubs in Sydney but it is the meetings against Marconi that seem to attract that special feeling.

I guess it comes down to that first season when we clashed four times, including an epic two-leg semi final series when Marconi got the better of Northern Spirit and proceeded to the next stage.

Last year we also played Marconi four times due to the problems with the draw and that only added to the rivalry we developed in the first season.

In the eight matches we have played, four have been at North Sydney Oval and we have won three games and drawn one - the semi final when we were held to a 0-0 draw.

Every single one of those games at North Sydney Oval has had defining moments and talking points.

Who could ever forget the first meeting between the two teams when we crushed Marconi 4-0? It was a night not many people connected with Northern Spirit will ever forget.

Then the semi final saw one of the toughest matches I have ever witnessed

in Australia with both teams throwing absolutely everything at each other before a massive crowd. It may have ended 0-0 but it was a very exciting match.

Last year it was left to a screamer from Phil Moss to separate the two clubs when he rifled home what is still the best goal to be scored at North Sydney Oval with a 30m bomb that gave us a 1-0 win.

The second match at North Sydney Oval was played in torrential rain, that made playing football very difficult but an own goal and a David Seal strike was enough to give us the three points.

What will it be this year that creates the headline in what is developing into a very healthy and fiercely contested derby - the best type of football that can be played anywhere in the world.

Here's hoping for a great game and, of course, a Northern Spirit win.

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# profile craig foster

While problems with work permits means Socceroo midfielder Craig Foster is back in Australia a couple of years before he anticipated, he's not letting it bother him.

Although planing to stay at Crystal Palace for two more years before linking up with family back in Sydney, not having played 75% of the Socceroo games over the past two years meant he was denied a work permit.

"It was quite ridiculous really, I missed the four games Australia played in the Confederations Cup in Brisbane, as they were only picking local players. Missing those four games though knocked me below the 75% requirement, and although we tried explaining that it was no good," said Foster.

The strict work permit rules, currently dogging Hayden Foxe's attempts to get a start at West Ham, may have been bad for Foster, but he is not worried by the whole thing.

"I always planned to come back in two years time and play in Sydney, but sometimes you have to change plans. As it happens I am loving it on the field at the Northern Spirit, and my family are really enjoying it too."

The connection with Northern Spirit was obvious for Foster, who has not only known Graham Arnold and Robbie Slater for some years, but also Bill Collins from his time as Socceroo physio. Plus he played alongside Robbie Enes at Portsmouth, and they built up a firm friendship.

His time at Portsmouth, alongside the likes of Enes and John Aloisi, was a difficult one according to Foster.

"Alan Ball came in when I was there, and he wanted basically the defenders to hoof the ball as far forward as they could. That was hard as a midfielder as the game just passes you by, and you are really only running around mainly getting tackles in. As someone, like most of the Socceroos, who enjoyed playing the ball it was tough."

There was a highlight at Portsmouth though - scoring twice for his club against Aston Villa, and Mark Bosnich, in the FA Cup.

"Putting two past 'Bozza' was a bit special, and we were two up until they scored twice to force a reply and then beat us at Villa Park."

With Terry Venables an obvious admirer Foster was soon on his way to Crystal Palace, where he ended up as club captain.

"Venables was superb - after the first training session he took us in as coach of the Socceroos, I was with some of the boys and we were just all looking at each other in amazement. We had learned so much just in that one session, and while I was still playing here in Australia it was also the overseas players who were saying that."

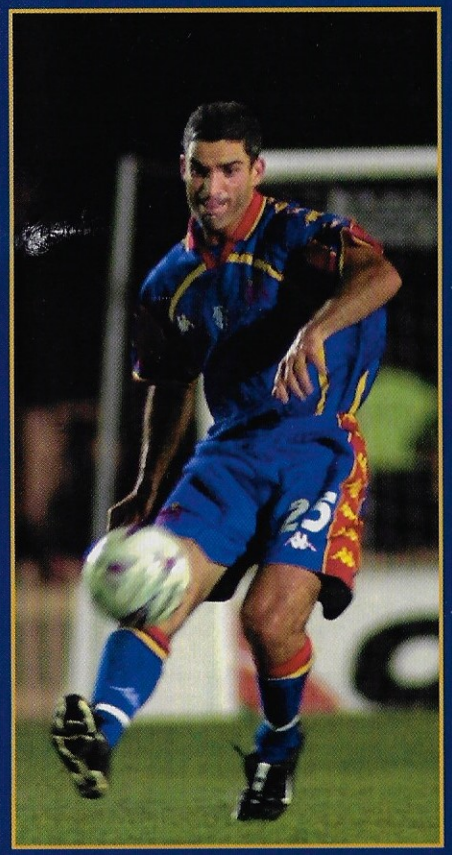
At Palace Foster played alongside the likes of Matt Jansen and Lombardo, and said he found it a much more enjoyable experience under Steve Coppell, who let the players go out and play a passing style of football.

Foster admits the on-going battle with Crystal Palace has been a 'nightmare' since his move back to Australia, but insists now he is back playing any disputes will sort themselves out in time.

"The main thing is from a playing point of view, I made my debut against Adelaide after not having played for about five months. No matter what kind of training you do it's still hard to get match-fit after such a lay-off, and I probably need a good month of matches to feel fully back into it."

As someone who played for the Socceroos against Iran in THAT match, there seems little point asking Foster what his biggest disappointment in the game is. But it's the international scene that has given him his highlights so far.

"I think for me every single time I have played for my country has been a highlight," said Foster. "When I retire I can look back on my caps for my country - and hopefully a couple of championships with Northern Spirit too!"



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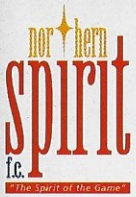


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| 5 | Mark Rudan | Dominic Longo | 5 |
| 6 | Scott Thomas | Pan Keun Kim | 6 |
| 7 | Robbie Slater | James Afkos | 7 |
| 8 | Robbie Enes | Darren McDonald | 8 |
| 9 | Alex Moreira | Norman Tome | 9 |
| 10 | Gabriel Mendez | John Maisano | 10 |
| 11 | Troy Cranney | Christian Care | 11 |
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| 13 | Phil Moss | Raphael Bove | 13 |
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| 28 | Ian Crook | | |
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| COACH: Graham Arnold | | COACH: Eddie Krncevic | |

## opposition lowdown

We welcome tonight a Marconi Stallions side who arrive at North Sydney Oval on the back of a 3-1 victory over the Kingz in round 8.

It was an important win for the Stallions, and moved them level on points with us and into seventh place, which means tonight's game should be even more keenly fought.

Last week's heroes were teenage striker Royce Brownlie, who scored his first NSL goals in grabbing a brace against the Kingz, Kris Trajanovski, who scored a scorching free kick and Grant Last, who showed up well in only his second NSL game.

Stallions coach Eddie Krncevic took Carlton to the NSL grand final in the 1997/98 season in his first year in charge and he will select from the following players tonight.

Former Bankstown City Lion goalkeeper David Aceski is the current number 1 at the club, while Krncevic also has another young goalkeeper, Michael Turnbull, waiting in the wings.

The experienced Mark Babic has been a consistent performer in defence now for a number of years, both with the Stallions and Sydney United, while Buddy Farah has come up through the famed Stallions junior ranks.

Making up a strong back three should be the skipper, Dominic Longo, an Australian international, while Angelo Costanzo can play either just in front of the defence or as a more traditional sweeper.

On the flanks last week for Marconi were James Afkos, who joined the club from Perth Glory, and Simon Bell, a junior Cameroon international who came to Marconi via CNPS Yaounde.

Alongside Last was Christian Care, although his dismissal last week will see some shuffling around of the team.

The two men up front were the goalscorers Brownlie and Trajanovski; just one of various striking combinations used by Marconi this season.

Brendan Renaud could come into the starting X1 after starting from the bench recently, while Harry Karl, the former Melbourne Knight, has yet to gain a regular spot in the Stallions team. He remains a dangerous player to come off the bench though.

John Maisano, who was signed from the Helmond Sporting club in the Netherlands, also came off the bench last week.

The signing of John Gibson from Parramatta Power saw him join up with brother Chad at the Stallions, but that reunion will end in January when Chad leaves to play in Norway.

After winning their first two games it's been a run of three draws and two defeats up until last week's defeat of the Kingz, and our visitors tonight will be hoping that once again they can win two games on the trot by defeating us tonight.

# fan's view

with JULIAN FLOYD

We now have details for those interested in the big trip to Auckland in February. As long as we can get a decent group (ie. 20 people), then we can organise the flight for $383 including taxes. The club has arranged that anyone travelling to any Spirit match can stay at Rydges Hotels using the Club discount, which should allow us to get a twin room for $100 per night ($50 each) including breakfast. Otherwise you can organise your own accommodation if you choose.

The flight to Auckland departs on 16th February and the return flight is available daily, although we expect most to return on Sunday. A deposit and booking is required by 2nd January and final payment is required by 12/1/00. To express your interest in going to Auckland, please ring the Infoline and leave your contact details on 02-8250 4004 or email nsfc98@yahoo.com.

The Kingz fans have arranged a Spirit Fans vs Kingz Fans match at Ericsson Stadium as the curtain raiser. The TV cameras will also be in attendance for the now famous Kiwi show "House of Football". Anyone who can play and is interested in playing in this match should contact 02-8250 4004 or email nsfc98@yahoo.com.

We require some new faces in the Supporters Committee, and would like people to express interest for immediate participation. Both Antony Bross and Julian Floyd are stepping down from their current roles on the Committee, and hence someone who is interested in looking after and maintaining the Web Site as well as someone to organise and co-ordinate travel to away matches is needed. There are still two positions available for someone to represent the O'Reilly stand and the McCartney Stand. If you are interested, then leave your details on 02-8250 4004 or email nsfc98@yahoo.com.

This page is dedicated to the fans and if you have anything you wish to have included in this page then do not hesitate to send in your comments for inclusion.

Finally, we would like the fans to start sending in photographs, for inclusion on this page. We want photos of you in your Spirit shirts in unusual locations. Wear your shirt with pride wherever you are and remember to get some photos.

Remember to visit the Northern Spirit fans website at www.spiritfans.com.au



# match report

with Dave Mason

## SPIRIT'S LIFT AFTER AWAY DRAW WITH CARLTON

Northern Spirit secured a valuable away point after a come-from-behind 1-1 draw against a desperate Carlton at Epping Stadium in Melbourne last Sunday.

Carlton went into the match fighting for their lives in the National Soccer League and the players certainly took that never-say-die attitude onto the field.

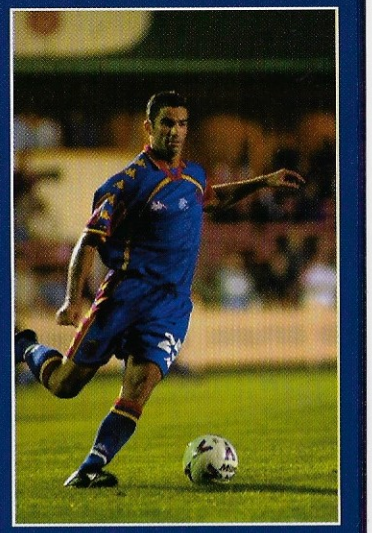
Despite the home side's desperation, it was the class of Northern Spirit that helped shape the opening 45 minutes with Troy Cranney, Ben Burgess and Alex Moreira all having opportunities to open the scoring inside 10 minutes.

With Craig Foster, Robbie Enes and Cranney all playing well in mifield, Spirit had control of the game and were unlucky to fall behind against the run of play in the 44th minute when Andrew Marth put Carlton ahead.

The second half saw the Spirit continue to take the game to Carlton and we were rewarded in the 55th minute with a tremendous goal to Moreira.

Graham Arnold hit Matthew Langdon with a 30m diagonal ball, which he struck first time into the path of Moreira on the far post, who did well to hold off two defenders and head home from 6m.

Carlton then launched wave after wave of attacking raids, which were all repelled by a well drilled and gallant Spirit defence.



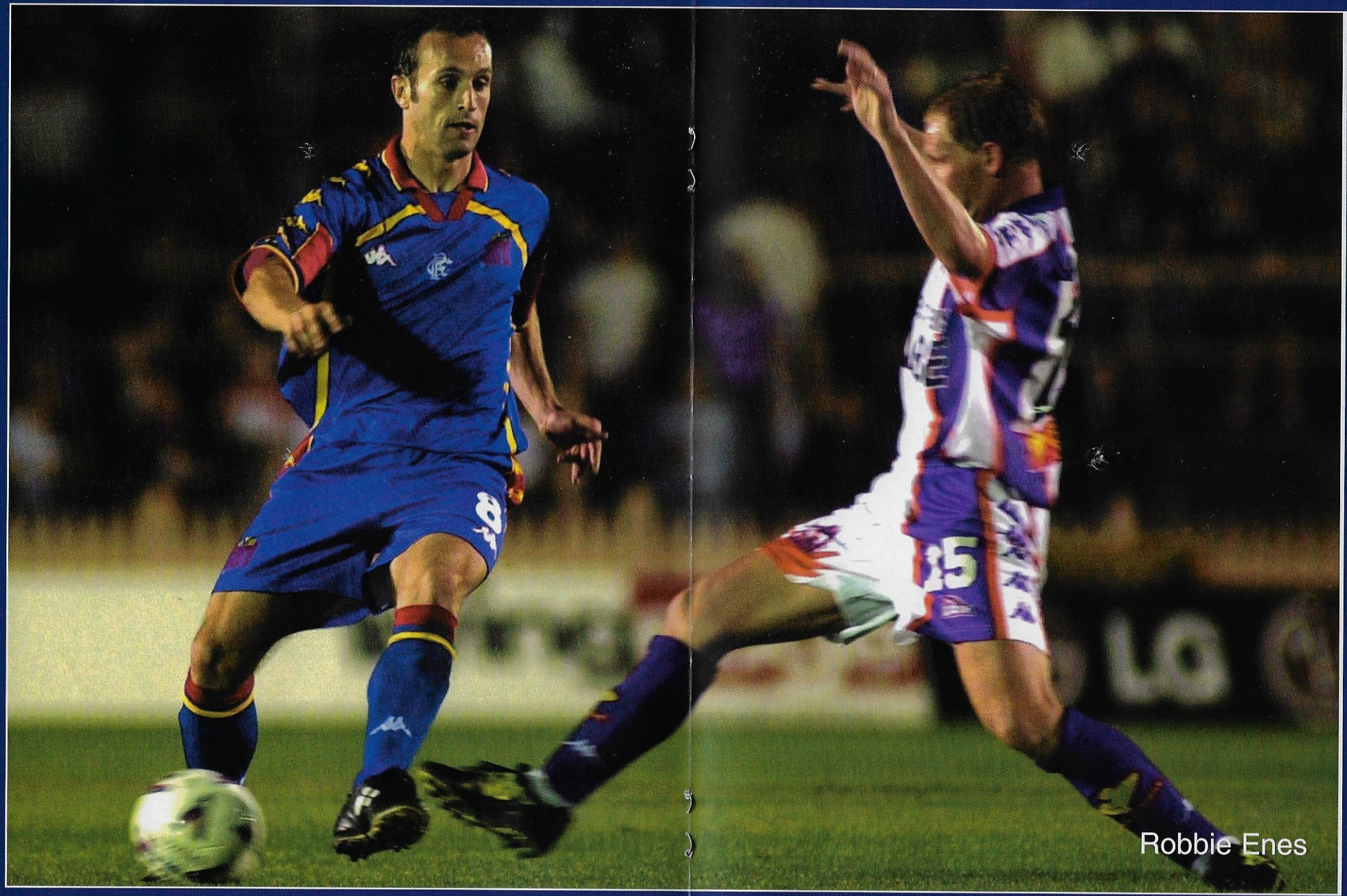
"I thought that was a tremendous result," Arnold said. "You go out to win every game and we had a real go at them but if you can take a point off a team above you on the ladder away from home then it's a good result.

"Carlton obviously had something to play for with the problems at the club and they came out fired up. We dictated the match for the first 60 minutes and then weathered the storm when they came at us late in the game."

The result was a boost for Spirit, who went into the game without three former Socceroos, Robbie Slater, Chi Chi Mendez and Matthew Bingley - all of whom were injured.

Even without the star trio, there was no room in the starting line up for Noel Spencer, who did well when he came off the bench in the 70th minute in his return after a stress fracture.

The squad is looking very solid at the moment with Mendez and Bingley set to return against Marconi, Spencer back on the park and Slater two weeks away from a return to first team football.



Robbie Enes

# spirit round-up

## R8 results

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| 01.12.00 | Parramatta Power | 3 - 2 | Sydney United |
| 01.12.00 | Newcastle United | 1 - 3 | Wollongong Wolves |
| 02.12.00 | Canberra Cosmos | 1 - 3 | South Melbourne |
| 02.12.00 | Perth Glory | 2 - 0 | Adelaide City Force |
| 02.12.00 | Brisbane Strikers | 2 - 1 | Sydney Olympic |
| 02.12.00 | Marconi Stallions | 3 - 1 | Kingz FC |
| 03.12.00 | Melbourne Knights | 2 - 1 | Eastern Pride |
| **03.12.00** | **Carlton** | **1 - 1** | **Northern Spirit** |

**NEXT GAME**
Sunday 17th Dec
Melbourne Knights
vs
NORTHERN SPIRIT
6.00pm
Knights Stadium

## R9 draw

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| 08/12/00 | Kingz FC vs Melbourne Knights | 7:30pm | Ericsson Stadium |
| **08/12/00** | **Northern Spirit vs Marconi Stallions** | **7:30pm** | **North Sydney Oval** |
| 08/12/00 | Adelaide City Force vs Carlton | 8:00pm | Hindmarsh Stadium |
| 09/12/00 | Eastern Pride vs Brisbane Strikers | 5:00pm | Mobil Park |
| 10/12/00 | Perth Glory vs Newcastle United | 7:00pm | Perth Oval |
| 10/12/00 | Sth Melbourne vs Wollongong Wolves | 5:00pm | Bob Jane Stadium |
| 10/12/00 | Sydney United vs Canberra Cosmos | 5:00pm | Sydney United Sports Centre |
| 10/12/00 | Sydney Olympic vs Parramatta Power | 6:30pm | Belmore Sports Ground |

## 2000/01 Competition ladder

| POS | TEAM | P | W | D | L | GF | GA | PT | POS | TEAM | P | W | D | L | GF | GA | PTS |
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| 1 | Sydney Olympic | 8 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 14 | 5 | 17 | 9 | Sydney United | 8 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 11 | 16 | 11 |
| 2 | Wollongong Wolves | 8 | 5 | 2 | 1 | 15 | 9 | 17 | 10 | Canberra Cosmos | 8 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 14 | 14 | 10 |
| 3 | South Melbourne | 8 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 16 | 7 | 15 | 11 | Parramatta Power | 8 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 12 | 13 | 10 |
| 4 | Perth Glory | 8 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 14 | 9 | 14 | 12 | Adelaide City Force | 8 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 10 | 16 | 10 |
| 5 | Carlton SC | 8 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 13 | 9 | 13 | 13 | Brisbane Strikers | 8 | 2 | 2 | 4 | 10 | 14 | 8 |
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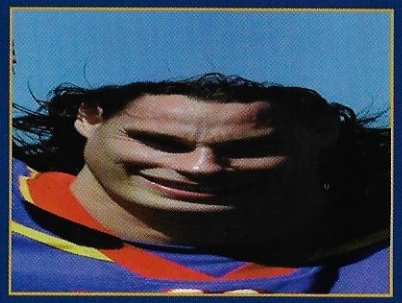
## QUICK QUIZ !!!

**See how you go with these six quick questions -**

1 True or False - Marconi Stallions skipper Dominic Longo had a number of seasons with Cercle Bruge in Belgium?
2 How many NSL goals has Craig Foster scored - a) 15 b) 21 c) 30?
3 Who is currently the leading goalscorer in the NSL 2000/01 season?
4 Which is the only club without a win so far this season? And which team lost fo the first time last week?
5 Who scored the most career goals for the Stallions - David Lowe or Rod Brown
6 Who is the only team yet to draw in the NSL?

Pictures of these two Spirit players didn't come out too clearly - but can you tell who they are?



Answers: 1 True 2 b) 21 3 Archie Thomson of Carlton 4 Eastern Pride and Sydney Olympic 5 David Lowe with 52 (Rod Brown scored 50) 6 Melbourne Knights.

Tony Perinich & Troy Cranney



## WORD SEARCH

Included in this jumble of letters are the surnames of the seven NSL goalkeepers listed below. The names can appear in any line - vertically, horizontally or diagonally, and can be backwards or forwards! When you've got all names, look for a goalkeeper who is featured in tonight's issue of Spirit Matchday...

NSL goalkeepers:

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Duke
Cuello
John
Franken
Bolton
Aceski

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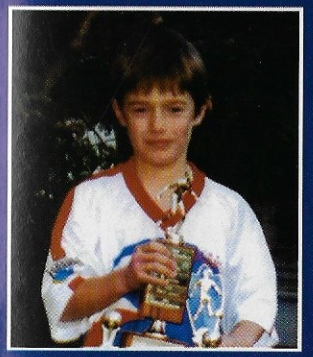

Name: Alexander Nicholls
Age: 8
From: Harbord Lions
Favourite Player: Matthew Langdon

Answer: John PEROSH

# northern spirit latest news...

Get down to the KAPPA FACTORY CLEARANCE SALE where you can pick up a bargain and meet some of your favourite Spirit Players. The sale runs from Saturday 9th December - Sunday 17th December (10am - 5pm) and is located at:

*Sydney Football Stadium*
*Gold Members Bar*
*Level 3 Western Stand*
*Drivers Ave, Moore Park.*

Spirit players will be there on Sat & Sun 9/10 & 16/17 December

Our friendly game against the Leichhardt Tigers at Lambert Park finished 1-1, but only after Paul Bilokapic (pictured) equalised right at the death to snatch a draw for us against the NSW Premier League side.

It was a good hit out for Spirit, as we fielded players drawn mostly from the first grade squad laced with a few youth team players.

John Perosh put in a fine performance, while Tigers goalkeeper Shaun Woods made some great saves to deny Adam Snyder and Tony Perinich. Indeed, he did well to stop Bilokapic's first effort in the dying stages of the game, but the big man slammed the rebound home to grab a draw.

The Tigers had gone ahead midway through the second period through Matthew Borg, in a game which marked a return to action by Spirit youth team mentor Gary Van Egmond. Van Egmond hopes to play again with his local Manly-Warringah side, in the winter NSW Super League, when he takes over as coach of the Dolphins in the coming season.

SPIRIT: Perosh, Sobczyk, van de Vyver, Spencer, Bilokapic, Corte, Moss, Snyder, Perinich, Nicholson, Faria SUBS: Van Egmond, Murray, McLean, Sharp, Miller)

Leading NSL goalscorers after round 8:

| NAME | CLUB | TOTAL |
|---|---|---|
| THOMPSON Archie | Carlton | 6 |
| ANGELUCCI Jon | Canberra Cosmos | 5 |
| BURGESS Ben | Northern Spirit | 5 |
| MORI Damian | Perth Glory | 5 |
| VLAHOS Andy | South Melbourne | 5 |
| FOSTER Paul | Brisbane Strikers | 4 |
| STEVENS Tim | Kingz FC | 4 |
| TRIMBOLI Paul | South Melbourne | 4 |

Soccer Australia report that Clayton Zane is still undecided about his immediate future ... the striker, who was trialing with English first division side Queens Park Rangers played in their reserves draw against Portsmouth ... however Zane is now looking to further trials in Spain and Germany.

Competition winner: The lucky winner of our Fly with the Team competition was John McIlveen of Holsworthy. John won a trip for two flying with the team to watch our 1-1 draw at Epping Stadium against Carlton last Sunday.

The draw was made at our last home game against Perth Glory, and was made by Rangers and LG Socceroo defender Craig Moore (pictured).

Bad news for Matthew Hunter, who was forced to withdraw from the LG Joeys squad who will compete in the Oceania Qualifiers, due to illness. His place was taken by Brett Studman of Sydney Olympic.

Spirit are still represented by three players though - Jacob Rex, Alex Wilkinson and Matthew Engele.

Northern Spirit merchandise is now on sale at North Sydney Leagues Club. The shop is open 7 days a week from 10am through to 10pm, and members get a 10% discount.

So if you are looking for that ideal Christmas present get up to:

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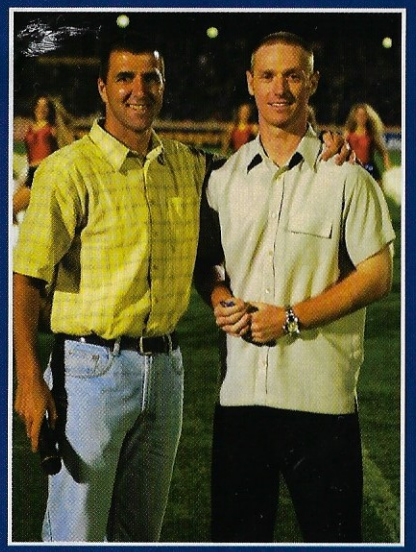
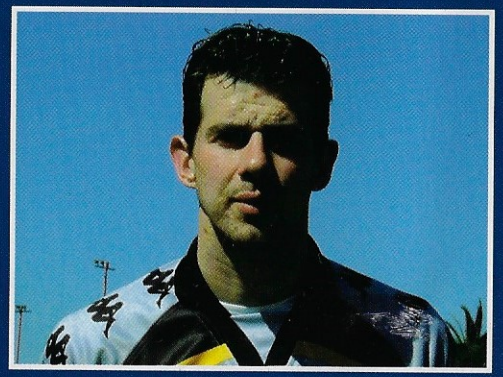


# player profile

**Spirit Matchday finds out from popular goalkeeper John Perosh just who might be the pretender to Robbie Slater's crown of "loudest teammate"!**



## John Perosh

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|---|---|
| Nickname: | JP |
| Height: | 188cm |
| Weight: | 85kg |
| Date of Birth: | 29.11.73 |
| Place of Birth: | Sydney |
| Signed from: | Sydney United |
| Previous Clubs: | Sydney Olympic |
| Position: | Goalkeeper |
| Squad Number: | 1 |

Favourite meal: Indian

Favourtite pre-match meal: Pasta

Favourite drink: JD and Coke

Favourite music: R&B

Loudest teammate: Craig Foster

Worst dresser at club: Tony Perinich - hands down!

Who will win this year's comp (excluding Spirit): Sydney Olympic

Favourite player in your position: Peter Schmeichel

Favourite player in the world: Zinedine Zidane

Most like to meet (dead or alive): Michael Jordan



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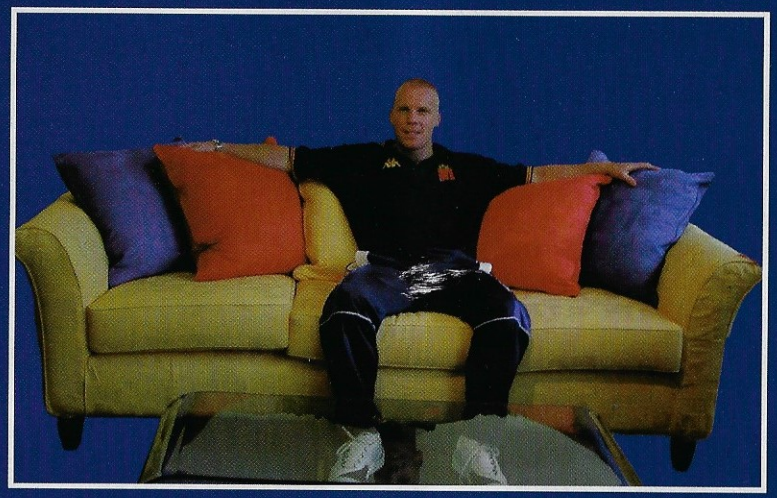

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# national youth league

Once again there has been two weekends of action since our last issue of Spirit Matchday, although with having a bye last weekend it means the boys have only played one game.

After the disappointment of losing the previous week against league leaders the A.I.S, the Youth League team had to once again travel to Canberra, this time to play the ACT Academy.

Against struggling opponents Spirit got off to a perfect start when Ross Kethel put us ahead after just five minutes, but against a team who had already conceded 29 goals in their previous seven games it wasn't until Ryan Griffiths scored just after the hour mark - his 4th of the season - that the three points were secured. Lloyd Robson made it 3-0 with about ten minutes remaining in the match to give the Spirit all three points.

Despite sitting out last weekend the boys remain in second place, and although they are six points behind the leaders A.I.S we do have two games in hand.

**Youth Team results so far:**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| R1 | Sydney United | 2 | NORTHERN SPIRIT | 3 |
| R2 | NORTHERN SPIRIT | 3 | Sydney Olympic | 2 |
| R3 | Newcastle United Colts | 0 | NORTHERN SPIRIT | 6 |
| R4 | NORTHERN SPIRIT | 2 | N.S.W.I.S | 0 |
| R5 | NORTHERN SPIRIT | 2 | Newcastle United Youth | 0 |
| R6 | A.I.S | 1 | NORTHERN SPIRIT | 0 |
| R7 | ACT Academy | 0 | NORTHERN SPIRIT | 3 |
| R8 | BYE | | | |

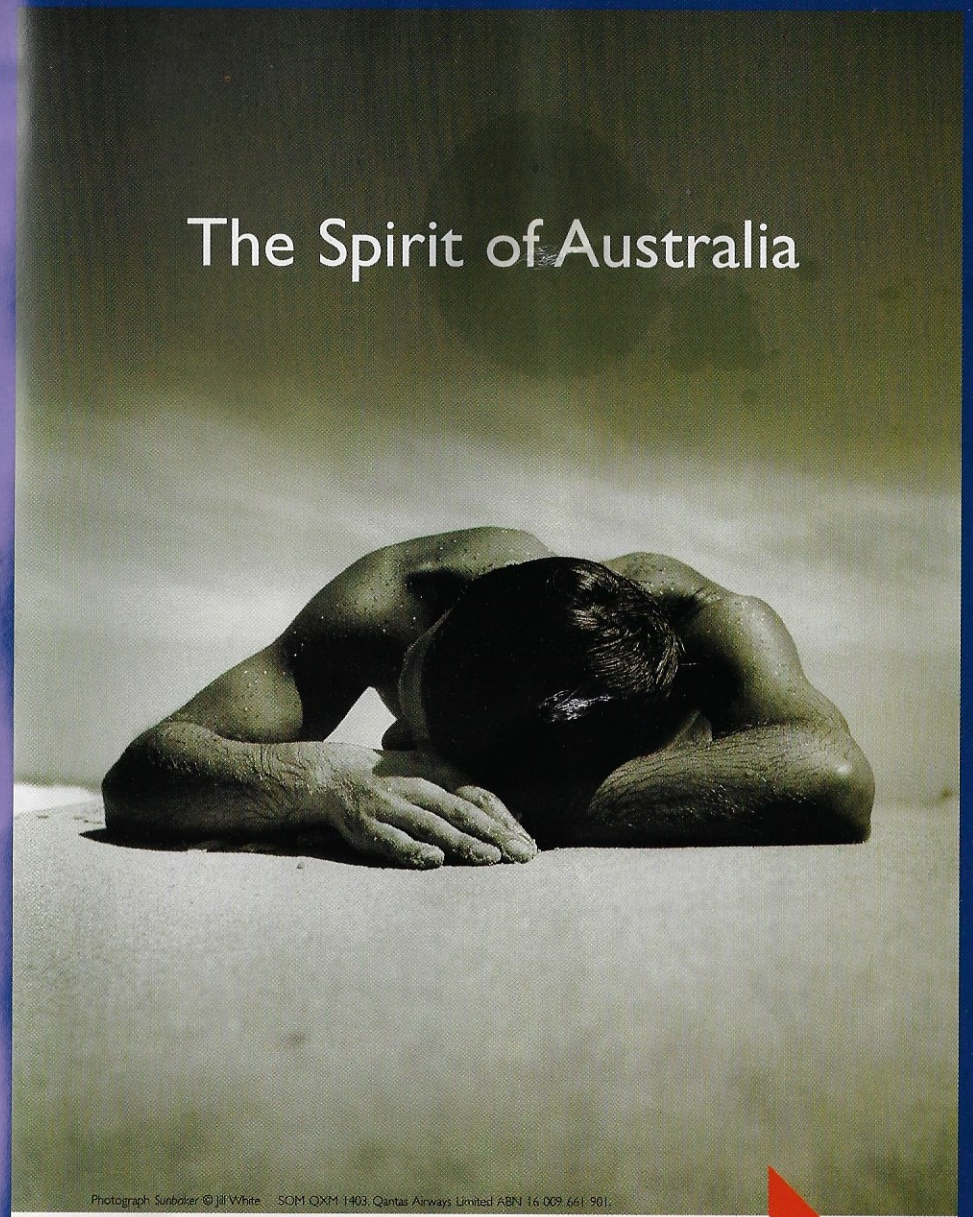
**Upcoming games:**

| | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| R9 | Saturday 9th December | 4:00pm | Home | Marconi Stallions Youth - Christie Park |
| R10 | Sunday 17th December | 4.00pm | Away | Sydney Olympic Academy - Wentworth Park |
| R11 | Friday 29th December | 5.00pm | Away | Parramatta Power - Parramatta Stadium |

**NATIONAL YOUTH LEAGUE 2000/2001 NORTHERN DIVISION LEAGUE LADDER**

| Team | P | W | D | B | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| A.I.S. | 9 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 22 | 7 | 24 |
| NORTHERN SPIRIT | 7 | 6 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 19 | 5 | 18 |
| Marconi Stallions | 7 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 11 | 2 | 16 |
| Sydney United | 7 | 5 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 15 | 9 | 16 |
| Parramatta Power | 7 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 14 | 10 | 13 |
| Wollongong Wolves | 6 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 13 | 7 | 11 |
| Q.A.S. | 10 | 3 | 1 | 0 | 6 | 17 | 26 | 10 |
| Marconi Stallions Colts | 7 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 17 | 10 | 9 |
| Canberra Cosmos | 7 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 13 | 13 | 8 |

| Team | P | W | D | B | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| N.S.W.I.S. | 7 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 5 | 8 | 8 |
| Sydney Olympic | 6 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 11 | 11 | 7 |
| Newcastle United | 7 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 8 | 8 | 7 |
| S Olympic Acdy | 8 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 6 | 9 | 17 | 4 |
| N'castle Utd Colts | 5 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 12 | 3 |
| ACT Academy | 8 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 3 | 32 | 3 |

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